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1. JAPAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (DOMEI) POLITICAL BUREAU
DIRECTOR OGAWA, ONE OF PRINCIPAL COORDINATORS OF JAPANESE
NGO DELEGATION'S VISIT TO UNSSOD, CALLED ON EMBOFFS MAY 11
TO PRESENT COPIES OF DELEGATION'S ITINERARY AND TO REQUEST
ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS FOR DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES.

2. OGAWA SAID APPROXIMATELY 450-MEMBER DELEGATION,
DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK DURING PERIOD MAY 21-25 COMPOSED
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE PRINCIPAL "BAN THE BOMB"
ORGANIZATIONS -- COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED GENSUIKYO, SOCIALIST
AFFILIATE GENSUIKIN AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST-LED KAKKIN
KAIGI -- AS WELL AS SO-CALLED "PROGRESSIVE" ACADEMIC
FIGURES, BUDDHIST PRIESTS, SCIENTISTS, HIROSHIMA AND
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NAGASAKI A-BOMB SURVIVORS, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION LEADERS
AND LARGE CONTINGENT FROM SOHYO AND DOMEI AFFILIATED LABOR
UNIONS. ALL ELEMENTS IN DELEGATION, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL
PARTY AFFILIATION, HAVE AGREED ON UNIFIED POSITION,
UNIVERSAL AND COMPLETE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, AND WILL
ATTEMPT TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION CALLING ON U.N.
MISSIONS OF MAJOR MEMBER STATES IN NEW YORK. NGO REPS

ALSO PLAN TO PRESENT TO U.N. SECGEN WALDHEIM, AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY JAPANESE U.N. MISSION ON MAY 30, PETITION MAKING THIS APPEAL SIGNED BY 35 MILLION JAPANESE. OTHER ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK WILL INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN "MANY" SPECIAL DISARMAMENT SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY U.S. NGO MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL, DIALOGUE AMONG WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS ON DISARMAMENT, DISPLAY OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI ATOMIC ATTACK PHOTOS AT DISARMAMENT "FAIR" AND GATHERINGS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS. OGAWA SAID THAT, IN ADDITION, JAPAN SOCIETY HAS AGREED TO SET UP MEETINGS FOR JAPANESE LABOR LEADERS AND PROFESSORS WITH THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES OTHER THAN DISARMAMENT.

3. AFTER NEW YORK, NGO DELEGATION WILL DIVIDE INTO FIVE GROUPS IN PERIOD MAY 31-JUNE 2, TRAVELING SEPARATELY TO WASHINGTON, BOSTON, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND NEW HAMPSHIRE. APPOINTMENTS FOR ALL BUT WASHINGTON GROUP BEING HANDLED BY MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL. OGAWA REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING APPOINTMENTS FOR WASHINGTON CONTINGENT, WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL SECRETARIES OF FOUR NATIONAL LABOR CONFEDERATIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. OGAWA SAID FOUR LABOR LEADERS ALREADY HAVE CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY AT 11 A.M. ON JUNE 1. OGAWA ALSO ASKED FOR HELP IN SETTING UP MEETING BETWEEN LEADERS OF 6.5 MILLION-MEMBER JAPANESE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONS (CHUFUREN) ON AFTERNOON OF EITHER MAY 31 OR JUNE 1 WITH OFFICIALS ON WHITE HOUSE STAFF OR IN LABOR DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S BUREAU CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION IN U.S. OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. EMBOFFS SAID PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCHEDULE WAS SUCH THAT APPOINTMENT WITH HIM VIRTUALLY OUT OF QUESTION. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE WITH OTHER APPOINTMENTS. OGAWA SAID NGO DELEGATION HAS ALSO APPROACHED JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE FOR HELP WITH APPOINTMENTS.

4. ENTIRE JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL MEET AGAIN IN LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 3 FOR U.S.-JAPAN CITIZENS RALLY AND WILL VISIT HONOLULU JUNE 4-7.

5. COMMENT: JAPANESE NGO DELEGATION REPRESENTS FIRST TIME THAT ENTIRE LEFT-WING OF JAPANESE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, FROM MODERATE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS TO COMMUNISTS, TRAVELING TOGETHER TO U.S. AND INDICATES WIDE APPEAL OF DISARMAMENT ISSUE HERE. LEADERS OF NGO GROUP APPEAR TO TAKE DISARMAMENT ISSUE VERY SERIOUSLY AND ARE QUITE RECEPTIVE TO PRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITION. GIVEN HIGH-LEVEL OF LABOR

UNION REPRESENTATION IN DELEGATION, WE HOPE ACDA DIRECTOR
WARNKE OR ONE OF HIS PRINCIPAL DEPUTIES CAN MEET WITH THEM.
DOMEI HAS MADE SPECIAL PLEA TO FACILITATE APPOINTMENTS FOR
REPRESENTATIVES OF CHUFUREN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH IT IS
RAPIDLY INCREASING ITS INFLUENCE VIS-A-VIS COMMUNISTS.
WE HOPE THAT USUN POLITICAL COUNSELOR PETREE CAN MEET WITH
GROUP REPS IN NEW YORK. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY REGARDING
APPOINTMENTS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF GROUP LEADERS ON MAY 21.
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